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Eagles' Diabetes Research Center Opens Its Doors

On Saturday, August 23, the Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center Dedication ceremony was held at the Coralville Marriott Hotel in Coralville, Iowa.

Speakers included Grand Worthy President Bud Haigh, Grand Madam President Gloria Mason, DRC Co-Directors Tom McGrath and Jean Kerr, University of Iowa President Sally Mason, Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center Director Dr. E. Dale Abel, Eagle member and Type-1 diabetic Julie Knight and legendary entertainers and Eagle brothers Tom Parks and Tony Orlando.

A special ribbon cutting ceremony was held Friday, August 22, outside the front doors to the Pappajohn Biomedical Discovery Building, where the DRC occupies 1.5 floors of state-of-the-art medical research space.

Next month's full color issue of Soar, distributed free to each Eagles household, will feature a full story and multi-page spread of photos from this incredible, once-in-a-lifetime event.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this dream come true!

Visit the Diabetes Research Center page at www.foe.com for full photo galleries from the Grand Opening as well as a media gallery with various articles from the weekend.

Pictured at the British Columbia Eagles Provincial Conference held in Hope, B.C. on June 7, 2014 are: Penticton Eagles President Rick Bumby, Provincial President Eric Harry, Good Samaritan Recreation and Volunteer Coordinator Jean Kearney, Madame President Sandy Bumby, Grand Aerie Trustee David Smith, and Penticton Past President Jim Baird.

British Columbia Eagle Raises $26,220.55 In Honor of Mother

Past British Columbia Provincial Worthy President Eric Harry knows firsthand the difficulties caused by Alzheimer's. When his mother, Grace, was diagnosed with the disease, Eric was by her side, caring for her as best he could.

Grace attended Good Samaritan's Adult Day Program at the Village By The Station, a local senior living community, eventually moving into one of the Village's dementia cottages. The amount of love and care provided to Grace as a member of the Program, and later as a resident of the Village, overwhelmed Eric and inspired him to use his platform with the Fraternal Order of Eagles to give back to the organization that had given so much to his family.

When Eric was chosen to serve as the 2013-2014 B.C. Provincial President, he was motivated to make a difference and help ease the suffering of dementia residents at the Village as best he could. He reached out to staff with a simple question – "What piece of equipment could truly impact and improve quality of life for the folks living here?"

The Village was in need of a bladder scanner. At the time, residents facing bladder issues had no recourse but

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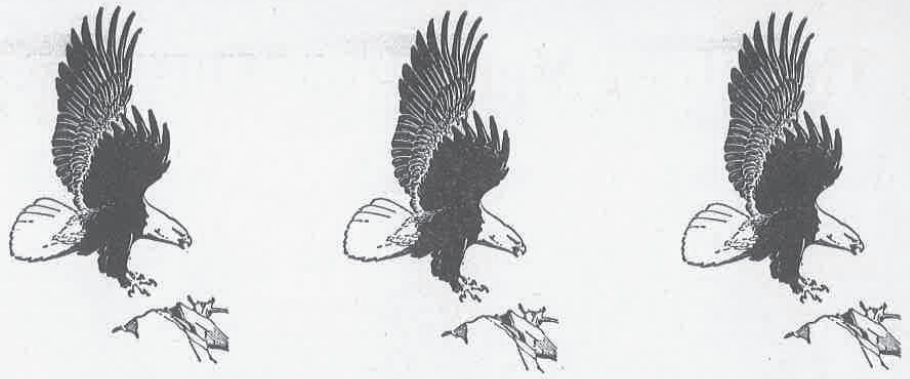
From The Archives: September 1962



Keep 'em Flying

The American Eagles are not just mere birds of biological interest but a symbol of our free way of life. We want to prevent them going the way of the dodo and the dinosaur. That sums up the Fraternal Order of Eagles motivation in taking on the "Keep 'em Flying" program. Plus, of course, the fact that the bald eagle is the proud emblem of our Order as well as that of our country.

This Eagle conservation project has completed the first leg of a five-year goal. Undertaken with the National Audubon Society, the program is based on a continent-wide survey and research project to save the American bald and golden eagle from extinction.

In a mailing to all Aeries and Auxiliaries, Eagles were asked to pass a resolution supporting legislation extending support of the existing Bald Eagle Act of 1940 to include the golden eagle. Members were urged to contact their United States Senators, urging support of this legislation.

In British Columbia, incidentally, such legislation is in force. Some Eagle members on Vancouver Island lend their services to the Audubon Society of British Columbia as bird watchers.

Senate Joint Resolution 105 was introduced by Senator Ralph W. Yarborough of Texas, an Eagle. Eagle Senator Warren G. Magnuson (Wash.) chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce in June appointed a subcommittee to consider the bill. Yarborough was named chairman of the subcommittee with Senator Kenneth B. Keating (N.Y.) a co-sponsor and Senator Clair Engle (Calif.) members. The subcommittee report was favorable to the bill, which will now be placed before the Senate.

A Grand Aerie check for $2,500 was sent to the National Audubon Society in April. As of mid-July, 169 Aeries and two State Aeries and one personal gift contributed a total of $1,856.29. Four State Auxiliaries and 256 Auxiliaries donated $2,355, making a total of $4,211.29 in Eagle donations toward the project. The first Auxiliary contribution came from Canonsburg, Pa. and Boonville, Ind., sent in the first Aerie donation. A handsome certificate of appreciation has been sent to all contributors.

Through the "Keep 'em Flying" program, the Eagles will share in the financing (to the extent of at least $5,000 a year for five years) of a study of bald eagles habitat undertaken by the Audubon Society.

In commending the Bald Eagle project, President J. F. Kennedy (our fifth Eagle U.S. President), said: "The founding fathers made an appropriate choice when they selected the Bald Eagle as the emblem of our nation. The fierce beauty and proud independence of this great bird aptly symbolize the strength and freedom of America. But as latter day citizens we shall have failed a trust if we permit the Eagle to disappear . . . . . I commend the Bald Eagle project undertaken by the National Audubon Society and its associates."

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Top Producers/ New Leaders

for August 2014

Aerie:

1. #711 Norwalk, OH	58
2. #3957 Cape Coral, FL	38
3. #3938 Lehigh Acres, FL	31
4. #2374 Louisville, OH	30
5. #370 Lima, OH	29
#1106 Stroudsburg, PA	29
#4299 Lake Havasu City, AZ	29

Auxiliary:

1. #711 Norwalk, OH	37
2. #486 Coeur D'Alene, ID	23
3. #1299 Carlisle, PA	21
4. #925 Grand Haven, MI	19
#4089 Port Orange, FL	19

Aerie (Individual):

1. Brandon Span	16
Leominster, MA #477	
2. David L. Fischer	14
Louisville, OH #2374	
Ronald W. Lane	14
Cape Coral, FL #3957	
4. Karen Kurtz	13
Rochester, PA #1226	
Wayne E. Turner	13
Springfield, OH #397	

Auxiliary (Individual):

1. Mary M. Hornsby	21
Norwalk, OH #711	
2. Ruby Currie	10
Duncan, BC #2546	
Barbara J. Stull	10
Fremont, OH #712	
4. Heather Callahan	8
Coeur D'Alene, ID #486	
Charlie E. Cederquist	8
Coeur D'Alene, ID #486	
Joanna Vansteenburg	8
Brockport, PA #965	

We Are People Helping People

California

-Brisbane #3255 held a luncheon to benefit the Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund, serving cheeseburgers, potato salad and beans to raise more than $1,850!

Florida

-Saramana Auxiliary #4424 presented a check for $1,200 to All Children's Speciality Care Center, the project of Past Madam President Junita St. Esprit.

Kansas

-Lawrence #309 presented a check for $3,500 to the Lawrence Police Department's Blue Santa program, to help with the purchase of toys for Lawrence children this holiday season. Lawrence Eagles also presented a check for $3,500 to Douglas County Toys for Tots. For three years, their Fire in the Hole BBQ event has raised money for the Toys For Tots and Blue Santa programs. Last year, the programs combined to provide toys for more than 2,200 area children.

Michigan

-Kalkaska #4496 presented checks totaling $4,100 to Michigan National Guard's 1071st Family Readiness Group, which provides assistance to the men and women of the company and their families. The funds were raised during the Eagles' fifth annual Car, Truck & Bike Show held July 5. The donations will be used to help members and their families who are in need with utilities and similar bills.

Ohio

-On July 4, Blanchester #2222 held their annual Don Cadwallader Car Show Classic benefit for autism, welcoming 110 cars and motorcycles in conjunction with the Blanchester Area Chamber of Commerce's annual 4th of July event. This was the first show held in honor of Don Cadwallader, a 50-year Eagle who was very active with the F.O.E. and in area car clubs with his '56 Chevy before his passing last year. The show raised $3,552 to benefit the Blanchester School District for help in their sensory rooms to benefit children with autism and other disabilities.

-In keeping with the giving character of Miami Valley Fraternal Order of Eagles #1395, the Ladies' Auxiliary was honored to be able to assist the Abuse, Rape and Crisis Shelter (ARCS) with a much needed purchase of security cameras for their facility. On Aug. 14, Janet Hoffman, Executive Director of ARCS, accepted a check in the amount of $1,000 for general needs in addition to the approximately $900 check previously presented to ARCS for cameras. The shelter provides assistance for men, women and children seeking refuge from abusive situations and is a blessing to those in need in our community.

Arizona

Auxiliary members from East Mesa #4508 donated school and craft supplies to Cardons Children's Hospital in Mesa, Ariz., Thanks to the generous sisters of the Eagles and a local craft store, the hospital's school received nearly everything on its wish list, including notebooks, construction paper, markers, glue sticks, games, books and more. "It was wonderful knowing that we were able to help the children stay on pace with their school work during extended stays at the hospital," stated Madam President Fran Hattan. "Supporting the hospital and the children will be our year-long special project." Pictured, l to r, Madam President Fran Hattan, head teacher Virginia Trimble, Past Madam President Charlotte Olash, Cooki Riis, Ann Prusac, Linda Wilson, Karen Derryberry and Lisa DiBella.

Pennsylvania

-Nearly 100 golfers helped raised more than $2,500 for Fitzmaurice Community Services Foundation Inc., in a benefit tournament raised by Stroudsburg Eagles #1106 at Glen Brook Golf Club. Fitzmaurice Community Services Inc., is a nonprofit organization assisting adults with behavioral health and developmental disabilities and their families.

Utah

-When Murray Aerie #1760 was in need of assistance with their building fund, Worthy President Patty Merlino answered the call in a unique way. Merlino spent her 50th birthday volunteering to take pies to the face for donations to the Aerie's building fund. By the end of the night, seven pies were thrown and several dollars raised to help benefit Murray #1760.

Virginia

-Piedmont Eagles #4420's Eagle Riders group held its 5th Annual Dean Ferris Memorial Poker Run, raising $15,773.82 for the Danville Cancer Association. With the help of friends, family and local business partners, the Eagle Riders made the 2014 poker run their largest to date. They're already working on finding sponsors, partners and donations for the 2015 run and welcome any volunteers to get in touch with them at 434-251-0994 to lend a helping hand.

Washington

-The Eagles of Daffodil #2308 recently contributed $2,500 to the Pierce County Sheriffs Department to help the department in the purchase of a new K9. The department stopped by the Aerie following the purchase to do a demonstration for Eagles members.

-Last month, 30 volunteers gathered to help give Olympia Aerie #21 a fresh coat of paint. Volunteers painted the lower sections of the three-story building while All-In-One Painting safely handled the upper floors. The Aerie includes a ballroom, dance studio and thrift store and members hope the new exterior will entice locals to come in and find out more about what the Eagles do to benefit the citizens of Olympia.

-Skagit Valley Eagles #3242 recently awarded $500 scholarships to area students Eugene Harnkess, DeAndra Mills, Krista Blumenhagen and Lindsey Ostrom.

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to visit a local hospital to receive the necessary scan. For patients suffering from dementia, hospitals often create stress, confusion and fear that comes of being subjected to an unknown environment. Eric decided to dedicate his year to raising the $18,600 necessary to purchase the scanner and eliminate the unnecessary stress which burdened the men and women suffering from dementia at the Village.

At each stop during his year as President, Eric shared his story with fellow Eagles, explaining his experience with his mother, things he had witnessed firsthand at the Village and how, with the kindness and generosity of the Eagles, many difficulties could be alleviated.

Often with a tear in his eyes, Eric asked others to help make life better for those suffering. The Eagles of British Columbia responded in full force. Countless raffles, bingos, burger sales, meat draws, bottle drives and more were held to help raise money to purchase the bladder scanner.

Money began to pour in - $1,000 from Vernon, Prince George, Rossland, Vancouver, North Vancouver, Port Alberni, Chemainus, Ladysmith, Trail and New Westminster; $1,050 from Cranbrook; $300 from Parksville; $250 from Duncan; $500 from Victoria; $200 from Nanaimo; $100 from Kamloops and Mainland Zone; $750 from Maple Ridge; $885 from Abbotsford; $2,000 from Hope; $4,665.55 from the British Columbia Provincial Aerie and an astounding $5,400 from Eric's own Aerie, Penticton.

When all was said and done, $26,220.55 had been raised for the bladder scanner, greatly exceeding the cost of the device. The remainder of the funds raised will be put toward new bathtubs for the dementia cottages at the Village.

Thanks to Eric Harry and the men and women of the British Columbia Provincial Eagles, the citizens of Penticton now truly know the power of People Helping People.

News & Notes

Make A Donation To Help A Hero

Give back to the men and women who protect our freedoms by making a contibution to the annual Operation Eagle campaign. Aeries and Auxiliaries have the option of making a financial donation or sending in new toiletries, snacks, books, puzzle books, blankets and more to benefit our troops overseas. Additional items will be purchased with funds donated to the campaign to help build care packages tailored to receipients for sharing with their fellow troops. All packages are sent in time to arrive to each recipient before the holiday season. Help make a difference in the lives of our servicemen and women today by making a contribution to Operation Eagle. For more information, visit the Operation Eagle page at www.foe.com.

Eagle Store Now Open

Our members are proud to call themselves Eagles – that's why we've worked to develop a new Eagle store designed to showcase that pride with modern, high-quality items appealing to all ages. Open now, the store includes a variety of items useful to Eagles everywhere and offers discounts on bulk orders to our Aeries and Auxiliaries. Visit foe.com and click the Store tab to see what we have to offer.

Important Grand Aerie Notice

When Sending Correspondence to the Grand Aerie Headquarters please address your mail to:

Fraternal Order of Eagles Grand Aerie
1623 Gateway Circle South
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We have recently had several members label mail without "1623 Gateway Circle South" included in the address. Mail without that piece of information will not reach the Grand Aerie Headquarters, so please be sure to label your mail properly using the address above.

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HELP US IN RECOGNIZING OUR TROOPS, AND YOUR LOVED ONE.

Our freedom to assist those in need is a result of the sacrifices of the men and women who serve the United States and Canada. That's why, each year, we give back through our Operation Eagle program, which gives Eagles the chance to nominate members or children of members currently serving to receive care packages comprised of goods provided by our members during the holiday season.

GRAND AERIE MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q What are the qualifications for applying for Lifetime Membership?

A Section 76.1 of the Constitution and Statutes states, "Where the By-Laws of the Aerie so provide, any member of the Aerie may, by a majority vote of the Aerie, be granted a Life Membership therein upon the payment of such sum as the Aerie By-Laws may provide which sum shall in no case be less than two hundred fifty dollars ($250.00)."

Q What are the qualifications for becoming a Golden Age Eagle?

A Section 71.11 of the Constitution and Statutes states in part, "Where the By-Laws of the Aerie so provide, a beneficial or non-beneficial member who has been a member of the Order for thirty (30) years or more, and has reached the age of sixty-five (65) years or over, and has retired from business or employment, or is drawing a public or private pension or retirement pay, may apply to the Aerie for exemption from further payment of dues. If the Aerie approves his application, it may authorize the Secretary to issue to him a receipt designating him as a "Golden Age Eagle." Such member upon receiving such receipt is not required to pay further dues to such Aerie, which shall pay his dues into the Aerie from the General Fund; but the Local Aerie may provide, in its By-Laws that such member shall pay applicable per capita tax."

Q How does one go about transferring their membership to another Aerie/Auxiliary?

A Simply contact the Aerie or Auxiliary in which you belong or would like to transfer to and let them know of your interest. All transfers are now handled through the Membership Management System by the Aerie or Auxiliary Secretaries.

Q If there are issues within the Aerie/Auxiliary, what are the proper steps to follow to get the issues resolved?

A Are Aerie/Auxiliary Officers aware of the issues? Discuss the matter with the Aerie/Auxiliary Officers. Give them a chance to rectify the situation. If the Officers are not willing to look in to/correct the issues, contact your State Aerie/Auxiliary for assistance. Contacting the Grand Aerie for assistance should be your last alternative.

Q I have paid my dues, but have yet to receive a membership card. Who should I contact?

A Membership Cards are issued by the Local Aerie so your first step would be to contact the Local Aerie/Auxiliary Secretary to request a card.

For more membership information, contact the Grand Aerie Membership Department at membership@foe.com or by phone at 614-883-2177.